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### Leavenworth Commissary readies to expand

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan.— The Fort Leavenworth Defense Commissary Agency expansion contract is about to begin this Friday.

“The expansion is an upgrade to the store adding 20,000 square feet,” said Dale Wheatley, assistant store director. “Everything is going to be brand new from the floor up.”

By the end of this week DeCA expects to have construction trailers arrive and park along the east side of the Commissary Parking Lot. These trailers and other mobilization vehicles will take up the eastern side of the commissary lot.

The Handicapped Spaces located on the southeast side of the parking lot facing the building will be relocated. The shortest distance to the entrance where they can be relocated is where the current parking for the general officers, colonels, sergeant majors and Expecting Mothers is now. DeCA will relocate those signs further to the south to accommodate the handicapped.

The construction will begin and will go on for approximately 18 months starting Nov. 19.

“There will be no disruption to business inside the store for eight months,” Wheatley said.

The work will first begin with a build out of what is now the office area. The work then shifts to the west side of the building for the expansion on that side during the second phase. The final phase will involve the center of the store but that will not begin until sometime mid next year.

The construction phases will be posted by the hours of operation at the entrance by Kansas Avenue.

“We’re expecting it to take 18 months total and our customers will essentially have a brand new store,” Wheatley said. “We just ask that everyone remain patient throughout the process.”

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